

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

1. - 96. (cancelled).

97. (previously presented). A design template, comprising:

a torso being one of a group comprising a 95th percentile male, 50th percentile male and 5th percentile female having each being one of a group comprising an ERECT posture, a NEUTRAL posture and a SLUMPED posture, the torso including indicia of spinal landmarks marked along a back portion thereof.

98. (previously presented). A design template, comprising:

a torso being one of a group comprising a 95th percentile male, 50th percentile male and 5th percentile female having each being one of a group comprising an ERECT posture, a NEUTRAL posture and a SLUMPED posture, the torso including indicia for a shoulder joint, neck/shoulder junction and a sternum.

99. (previously presented). A design template for use in designing a seat, comprising:

a torso; and,

indicia located on the torso, the indicia representing skeletal landmarks, the landmarks corresponding to load bearing points relative to the seat.

100. (previously presented). A design template, as set forth in claim 3, the indicia representing an ischial tuberosity.

101. (previously presented). A design template, as set forth in claim 3, the indicia representing spinal landmarks along a back portion of the torso.

102. (previously presented). A design template, as set forth in claim 3, the indicia representing an ischial point.

103. (previously presented). A design template, comprising:
a torso; and,
indicia located on the torso, the indicia representing a shoulder joint, a neck/shoulder junction and a sternum.

104. (previously presented). A template for use in designing a seat, comprising:
a first torso; and,
a second torso, the first and second torso representing a target population and containing skeletal landmarks, the landmarks corresponding to load bearing points relative to the seat.

105. (previously presented). A template, as set forth in claim 8, the first torso representing one of a small, medium, and large body size.

106. (previously presented). A template, as set forth in claim 9, the second torso representing another of a small, medium and large body size.

107. (previously presented). A template, as set forth in claim 8, the first torso having one of an erect, neutral, and slumping posture.

108. (previously presented). A template, as set forth in claim 11, the second torso having another of an erect, neutral, and slumping posture.

109. (previously presented). A template, as set forth in claim 8, the first torso representing one of a female member of the population and a male member of the population.

110. (previously presented). A method, comprising:
defining a first torso;
defining a second torso; and,
establishing occupant accommodation criteria for a seat as a function of the first and second torsos.

111. (previously presented). A method, as set forth in claim 14, the first torso representing one of a small, medium, and large body size.

112. (previously presented). A method, as set forth in claim 15, the second torso representing another of a small, medium and large body size.

113. (previously presented). A method, as set forth in claim 14, the first torso having one of an erect, neutral, and slumping posture.

114. (previously presented). A method, as set forth in claim 17, the second torso having another of an erect, neutral, and slumping posture.

115. (previously presented). A method, as set forth in claim 14, the first torso representing one of a female member of the population and a male member of the population.

116. (previously presented). A method, as set forth in claim 14, the seat being with a vehicle package, the occupant accommodation criteria being further established as a function of the vehicle package.

117. (previously presented). A design template, comprising:
a torso; and,
an outer contour located on the torso, the outer contour conforming to a deformed shape of an interface contour between a seat and a seated occupant.

118. (currently amended). A design template, as set forth in claim [20] 117, the torso including anatomical details located relative to each other and the interface contour is located relative to the anatomical details.

119. (previously presented). A design template, comprising:
a torso; and,
indicia located on the torso, the indicia representing an anterior superior iliac spine.